



# Participatory Budgeting in the 47th Ward

**Matt Martin**   
47th Ward Alderman

# BALLOT

**ALL DAY ONLINE VOTING**  
June 8th to June 15th  
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## **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

You will be asked to select **four (4)** projects to decide how \$150,000 from the 47th Ward's 2020 menu money should be allocated. You may choose up to four (4) projects only.

Ballots marked with more than 4 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 47th Ward residents, age 14 and over are eligible to vote.

## **HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTES:**

Mark boxes clearly with an "X" or check mark, or fully shade them in, with black or blue ink. No ballots marked in pencil will be accepted.

Please note that participating in this vote does not constitute "a local election" for the purposes of the N400 Naturalization Application.

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# More Information on Project Implementation & the 47th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Matt Martin will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$150,000, to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible to the best of our knowledge, yet most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Thus, while Alderman Matt Martin

“pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, he cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant final approval to each and every project request.

Reasons that projects may not be approved include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. If a winning project cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Matt Martin will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.

**Not all of the funded projects will be completed in the 2020 construction season.** Required project approval procedures or construction work by utilities or other agencies may prevent some projects from being completed this year. Funds for projects not completed this year will be held in reserve and used to complete the projects in the following year(s). For up-to-date information on the status of the various projects, contact the 47th Ward Office at 773.868.4747 or email [pb@aldermanmartin.com](mailto:pb@aldermanmartin.com).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 47th Ward Youth Council. Initial suggestions for projects came out of Youth Council brainstorming sessions coordinated out the Ward's office which

took place Nov/Dec 2019. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by the Youth Council who volunteered with the 47th Ward staff.

From November 2019, 47th Ward Youth Council met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year's ballot. The proposals were submitted to 47th Ward staff for final input and review.

The 47th Ward Youth Council was first stood up by Alderman Martin after he was elected. It is made up of young residents of the ward between grades 8 and 12. They consult with the Alderman on legislative priorities, plan community events, and weigh in on the issues most affecting young people in Chicago. Alderman Martin believes in engaging our youth in the democratic process – and he is pleased to provide youth a prominent role to play in shaping their community and ours.

The PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the committee, visit [www.pbchicago.com](http://www.pbchicago.com).

Many thanks to the 47th Ward Youth Council for their dedication and service to this bold experiment in direct democracy. Also thanks to the many dedicated employees of the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Department of Transportation for their expertise; and to the PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee for their experience and guidance in the process.

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## How should the 47th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote up to four(4) projects from the projects below.

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1. A Mural on the Welles Park Fieldhouse \$40,000

*“Youth Council picked this because “the field house is a well-used structure, and it would be nice to add some energy and color! Installing a mural would reinforce the building’s use as a community center and make Welles Park even more beautiful.” If selected, the design and precise location of the mural will be determined through consultation with relevant community partners.”*

2. An Interactive Bench Structure in Northcenter \$34,000

*“Youth Council picked an interactive bench structure where people can stop to relax, socialize, and take photos, because we believe it will increase traffic to the area by creating a go-to destination for photography and socializing.”*

The precise design and location of the bench will be determined through consultation with relevant community partners. The Youth Council is especially interested in placing this bench near the Irving Park and Damen intersection.

3. Pollinator flower beds on Sulzer Library Campus \$15,000

*“Youth Council picked this because they want to see pollinator beds at Sulzer Library because we want to promote the restoration of natural ambiance to local ward sites. In adding pollinator beds, the library will serve as a focal point for the congregation of seasonal animals like bees, butterflies, and birds, as well as be enriched by splashes of color.”*

This project will specifically fund the wooden structure for the beds. The 47th ward Green Council will help acquire and plant native plants for this garden. We are in active consultation with the Green Council and Sulzer Library about the precise location and types of plants that may be appropriate for the location. Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors have

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4. A brick-colored stamped crosswalk across Roscoe west of Western, between Mariano's and Jewel Osco \$40,000

*"Youth Council picked the colorful crosswalk near Lane Tech because they see it as an important location to increase visibility for the many pedestrians who use it, parents and students alike."*

Our office has identified the area around Lane Tech and De Paul College Prep (ex-DeVry) as particularly dangerous for pedestrians, and we consider this as one of many projects that could help improve safety in this area.

5. A raised crosswalk ("speed table") across Wolcott on the south side of Lawrence \$60,000

*"Youth Council picked this because the intersection is where McPherson Elementary is located. It is critical that there is a safer crosswalk here because many children cross it throughout the day and are put in danger due to the size of the street and the lack of a safe method to cross. These raised crosswalks mimic speed bumps and slow down motorists while also raising pedestrians above ground level making them more visible to motorists."*

6. Striped bike lanes around Waters Elementary \$40,000

*"Youth Council picked this because lots of kids in Chicago have to bike to get places - especially to and from school - but many streets aren't safe."*

The bike lanes would run with traffic on Maplewood from Montrose to Wilson; with traffic on Campbell from Wilson to Montrose. They would connect with the future Leland Greenway on Campbell. The bike lanes would not impact parking.

7. A bench with a Ravenswood Ram animal silhouette near Ravenswood Elementary \$7,000

*"The Youth Council values public spaces - especially around our schools and commercial corridors. This bench is a fun way to encourage neighbors to spend time outside."*

The final location of the bench will be determined through consultation of relevant community partners. would help keep the area clean and inviting."

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